

# STEAB TELECONFERENCE

Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

3:30 - 4:30 PM Eastern Time

## TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES

### Designated Federal Officer (DFO):

- Michael Li, DFO, Sr. Policy Advisor, EERE, DOE.

<b>STEAB MEETING ATTENDANCE</b>		
<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>	Present	Absent
<b>Jeff Ackermann</b> , Director, Colorado Energy Office		X
<b>Susan Brown</b> , Deputy Administrator, Wisconsin Division of Energy		X
<b>Tom Carey</b> , Director, Energy and Rehabilitation Programs, New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal		X
<b>Molly Cripps</b> , Director, Office of Energy Programs Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation	X	
<b>Diane Duva</b> , Office Director, Office of Energy Demand Bureau of Energy and Technology Policy Connecticut	X	
<b>Marion Gold</b> , Commissioner of Energy, Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources	X	
<b>Robert Jackson</b> , Director, Michigan Energy Office , Michigan Economic Development Corporation	X	
<b>Elliott Jacobson</b> , Vice President for Energy Services, Action Energy	X	
<b>Maurice Kaya</b> , Hawaii Renewable Energy Development Venture	X	
<b>Ashlie Lancaster</b> , Director, South Carolina Energy Office	X	
<b>Louise Martinez</b> , Director, New Mexico State Energy Office	X	
<b>Katrina Metzler</b> , Section Supervisor, Weatherization Office of Community Assistance, Ohio Development Services Agency	X	
<b>Andrew McAllister</b> , Commissioner, California Energy Commission		X
<b>Frank Murray</b> , Consultant and Strategic Advisor, Former President and CEO, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority	X	
<b>William “Dub” Taylor</b> , Director, Texas State Energy Conservation Office		X
<b>David Terry</b> , Executive Director, ASERTTI		X
<b>Malcolm Woolf</b> , Sr. Vice President, Policy and Government Affairs, Advanced Energy Economy		X

### Contractor Support & Other DOE Staff:

- Genny Baptiste, SRA International

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AGENDA	
Task Force Updates:	
- US Energy Productivity and Economic Competitiveness Task Force	
- Weatherization Task Force	Mike Li and Frank Murray
- QER Task Force	
- States Needs/111D Task Force	
- HUD Task Force	
- Grid Modernization Task Force	
Finalize Speaker List/Agenda for March Meeting	Mike Li and Frank Murray
Public Comment	Frank Murray
Other or New Business	STEAB Members

- Frank Murray (FM), Chair of STEAB, opened the call and welcomed members to the February teleconference. Then asked for Task Force updates.
- Elliott Jacobson (EJ) began his update stating that DOE is electing a new Weatherization Director and when that person is chosen he hopes that person can be invited to speak at that next live STEAB meeting in Washington DC in March. Mike Li (ML) stated that there was a selection made for the weatherization director position at DOE, but there is a process before they can announce who that person is and inviting that person to the meeting would be contingent upon that process being complete in time. EJ then went on to stated that if the Weatherization Director is able to attend the meeting he would like to try to reestablish the national community for weatherization because DOE is no longer having the national trainings regularly; Oak ridge is no longer involved with furnishing the weatherization community with information keeping the communication open. Since there is a major absence there, that would be the theme of the discussion he would like to have w/ the new weatherization director.
- FM then moved the discussion to Robert Jackson, STEAB Vice Chair, (RJ) and the economic development in the labs. RJ stated that since the last task force meeting that he had communication with LBNL and Oak Ridge about the SBV (Small Business Vouchers) he explained that there are 3 rounds of awards, the first round is closed and the second is set to open in the coming weeks. The awards from round one have been issued and are in negotiations. The state of Michigan was able to get 2 awards. LBNL confirmed that there were a number of states awarded and most states got one. The final round will be this summer. He went on to say the program was a success and that a lot of small businesses have applied, they are hoping the agency will provide funding for future years. RJ hopes to have a conversation with LBNL leading up to our meeting in June to reiterate that the states are important partners; consideration should be giving to include the states, the states resources and this partnership.
- FM then asked ML if DOE put out a press release about the first round of awards. ML explained yes, that is normal practice and he could get a copy for the board. FM stated that he and the Board would like to see who got awarded and what programs they are engaged in.
- Frank Murray (FM) then asked the Board about issues they would like to be addressed at the March meeting and what speakers they would want to attend. RJ added he would like to have folks involved in

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the SBV to attend and give more information on the types of programs that were funded and the labs that we engaged in the process; with a focus on what projects LBNL would be handling in hopes to give a better idea of what we will see when STEAB visits the lab in June. RJ thinks this would be a huge economic development opportunity for states to get involved.

- Maurice Kaya (MK) added that Grid Modernization and Technology to Market functions within EERE should be topics addressed at the next meeting.
- FM stated that he would defer to RJ and ML to start the agenda topics and discuss them after the call; he asks that ML start reaching out to folks at DOE who could possibly come and have a discussion with STEAB at the March meeting.
- FM then added that STEAB did send off the letter to Karen Wayland at DOE with regard to the QER 2, He would like at the upcoming March meeting to have folks from the policy operation come and engage them on some of the issues addressed in the letter to see if there is any reaction at this point and time, and get an update on the QER. Mike Li added that Karen Wayland and some of her team have already agreed to attend the March meeting.
- Elliott Jacobson stressed the importance of affordability and that with all the topics being raised he would like to spend some time with speakers at the March meeting to engage them in a discussion on that topic.
- FM also added that the Board should start thinking about topics for the June meeting in Berkeley at LBNL and what assets there could be of value to the Board.
- FM then moved on to the Public Comment portion of the agenda. He asked if there were any members of the public on the call. Seeing as there were none, he then asked if there was additional or new business to discuss.
- FM then asked ML for updates on the new membership of STEAB. ML explained that Dr. Danielson in EERE signed off on the action memo he is now waiting on signatures from the Secretary's office and he hopes to get that soon so we can stay on track with the March meeting. ML shared who the new members were and gave a few updates on the planning of the March meeting; explained that logistics would be sent out closer to the meeting.
- With no other business at that time, FM thanked the members for their participation on the February STEAB teleconference call, call adjourned.

*Teleconference minutes were scribed by Genny Baptiste, contractor support for the STEAB*